



HONEY



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I. INTRODUCTION



Approximately **240,000 people*** are involved in the beekeeping sector, including traders, marketers and producers.

The annual turnover is approximately **192 million USD***.

According to FAOSTAT data published in 2002, the position of Turkey in world ranking was

- 2nd with a total number of **4,160,892** colonies
- 8th with an average annual production of **16 kg** honey per hive.

Beewax, pollen and propolis is produced in addition to honey.

* Source: MARA



II. BRIEF HISTORY



	Number of Colonies	Rate of Primitive Hives (%)	Honey Yield Per Hive (kg)
1960's	1,497,000	87	6
1970's	1,820,000	67	8
1980's	2,225,000	40	11
1990's	3,284,000	9	15
2000's	4,268,000	5	17
2004	4,399,000	4	17

Source: MARA



III. CURRENT SITUATION



LEGAL BASIS

1 – LAWS

- ❖ **The Law on Animal Health Control (1986)**
- ❖ **The Law on Food Production, Consumption and Inspection (2004)**
- ❖ **The Law on Agricultural Producers Organisations (2004)**
- ❖ **The Law on Agricultural Insurance (2005)**
- ❖ **The Law on Tobacco (2002)**

2 - BY-LAWS on;

- **Beekeeping (2003)**
- **Animal Health Control (1986)**
- **Turkish Food Codex (1997)**
- **Operation Procedures and Principles of the Agricultural Insurance Pool (2005)**
- **Establishment Procedures and Principles of Agricultural Producer Organisations (2005)**



3 - COMMUNIQUES on;

- **Standardisation in Foreign Trade (2005)**
- **Turkish Food Codex on Honey (2005)**
- **Laying Down Marks and Symbols Pertaining to Batch Numbers of Foodstuffs (2002)**
- **Communiqué of the Turkish Food Codex on Rules of General Labelling and Labelling with Regard to Nutrition for Foodstuffs (2002)**



STAKEHOLDERS

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

The Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT)

The Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade (UFT)

The Turkish Association of Beekeepers

Turkish Union of Agricultural Chambers

Turkish Union of Veterinarians



FARM STRUCTURE

According to data of MARA (2002);

Beekeepers	153,000 families
Total number of hives	4,160,892
Professional beekeepers	34,452 (Share in total 25%)
Professional beekeepers' colonies	2,138,038 (Share in total 53.2%)

The number of beekeepers registered at the Turkish Beekeepers Association is 17,000 by the year 2005.



FARM STRUCTURE

- Beekeeper holdings are registered in the Veterinary Information System (VIS) in association with holding numbers.
- **25,624** beekeeping holdings are under register.
- There are **2** holdings that produce breeding queen bees.
- There are **110** holdings that produce queen bees.
- In the production period of 2005 **228,000** queen bees were produced.

Source: MARA



TYPE OF OWNERSHIP

All hives located in Turkey are of private ownership.

	2002	2003	2004*
The number of villages engaged with beekeeping	22,423	22,110	22,133

	2002	2003	2004*
Hives	4,160,892	4,288,853	4,399,725

Source: TURKSTAT

*The figures for the year 2004 are provisional



HONEY PRODUCTION

	2002	2003	2004*
Total honey production (Tonnes)	74,555	69,540	73,929

Source: TURKSTAT

* The figures for the year 2004 are provisional

- **Various types of honey, including [pine honey](#), high plateau honey, citrus honey, thyme honey, chestnut honey, linden tree honey, cotton honey and sunflower honey are produced in Turkey.**
- **Turkey is the sole producer of pine honey in the world.**
- **95% of pine honey produced in Turkey is exported to other countries.**



PRICES

- **There is no state trading monopoly for honey.**
- **There is no public price quotation.**



SUPPORTS

MARKETING SUPPORT

In accordance with the Implementing Communiqué and Decree on Support for Stockbreeding (25737/2005)

Per kg filtered honey, for which standards to be applied will be laid down by means of a Communiqué, a premium of:

- **0.25 €** shall be paid to beekeepers registered at the Beekeepers Association.
- **0.19 €** shall be paid to non-registered beekeepers.



EXPORT SUPPORT

In accordance with the Communiqué No 2005/1 (25756/2005);

- 65 \$/ ton export refund is provided to honey with a quantitative limitation of 32 %

OTHER SUPPORTS

In accordance with the Communiqué on Implementing the Decree on Support for Animal Husbandry (O.G. 25765/2005);

- A premium of 9.3 € shall be paid per queen bee to beekeepers registered at the Beekeepers Association, and 4.6 € shall be paid to non-registered beekeepers.

A premium of 12.4 € shall be paid per colony to beekeepers that buy and use *Bombus* bees for pollination.



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